



# Continuum of Care Board Meeting

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300 • Columbia, MD 21046

## Minutes of the May 9, 2018 Meeting

6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, First Floor – Room One Columbia, MD 21046

### Attendance:

Attendees: Jacqueline Scott, Kimberly Eisenreich, Lisa Terry, Kelly McLaughlin-Kominsky, Jack Kavanagh, Ayesha Holmes, Peter Engel, Stan Levi, and Joe Willmott.

Staff: Cheryl Mattis, Michelle Hippert, Jennifer Corcoran, Keisha Benjamin, Megan Godfrey Jackson, Quinton Askew, Elizabeth Van Oeveren, and Cara Baumgartner.

**Meeting called to order** at 9:08 am by Jacqueline Scott

**Jacqueline Scott welcomed everyone to the Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Meeting**

### **Keisha Benjamin presented Point in Time (PIT) Count Data**

- Overall reduction in homelessness in Howard County.
  - Sheltered means people were staying at Grassroots, HopeWorks or a Code Blue shelter.
  - For Code Blue, there was an 85% shelter utilization rate
  - 45 people unsheltered
    - 10 less than in 2017
    - 52% were chronic homeless.
  - 23 families were homeless (sheltered and unsheltered), increasing each year.

### **Michelle Hippert gave an update on State Homeless Solutions Program (HSP)**

- Funding will be a mix of state and federal. At the state training, they discussed the application process. They have not released state regulations yet but the program will primarily be ESG eligible activities, with streamlined reports, applications and invoicing.
- The primary focus is literally homeless and programs incorporating best practices to move households into apartments for short, medium and long term.
- The former state Rental Assistance Program (RAP) will be merged into the new funding pot, as it has been implemented differently across the state. The State is seeking to standardize the programs.

### **Updates**

- NOFA collaborative application will be released in June or July of this year.

**Meeting Adjourned** at 10:38 am by Jacqueline Scott

### **Next Meetings:**

- CoC Coalition Meeting – July 11, 2018 9:00-10:30 am 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, 1<sup>st</sup> floor room two

Minutes submitted by Cara Baumgartner